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MEMORANDUM FOR:

[redacted]
Chief, Information Management Staff, DO

FROM:

J. Kenneth McDonald
Chief, DCI History Staff

SUBJECT:

Release to the National Archives of Declassified OSS
Records

1. I shall attach copies of my two memoranda to the DCI of 9 December 1983 concerning the release of declassified OSS records to the National Archives. As I noted in our telephone conversation this morning, the DCI yesterday approved the four specific recommendations at the conclusion (p. 7) of my second memorandum.

2. When I talked with you this morning, however, I forgot that [redacted] had submitted a memorandum of 23 January 1984 to the DDA, detailing some objections OIS would like considered before these OSS records are actually released. I understand that the DDA has sent you [redacted] memorandum and my comments on it, and asked your office to forward these memoranda with your comments to the General Counsel for his opinion.

3. As I explained in my 23 January 1984 comments on the OIS memorandum, I do not believe that their objections justify any change in the DCI's decision to release the declassified OSS records. But believing that every conceivable objection should be considered, I agreed with [redacted] that we should not act on the DCI's decision until the General Counsel responds to the DDA on the questions raised in [redacted] memorandum.

4. I must apologize for forgetting this arrangement [redacted] when I first called today. Since the DCI is eager to release these records and will be expecting us to act promptly on his recent decision, I hope that this additional opinion from the General Counsel can be got very quickly.



J. Kenneth McDonald

Attachments

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